

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

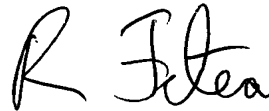
Claims 30-35 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-29 have been canceled without prejudice and Claims 30-35 have been added by the present Preliminary Amendment.

New Claims 32-35 are similar to Claims 30 and 31 but are written as method claims and computer readable recording medium claims. The new claims find support in the originally filed specification. No new matter has been added.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the new claims be considered on their merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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